

Open Session Minutes
California Schools
Voluntary Employees Benefits Association (VEBA)
December 04, 2019
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Laura Bowen, Ethel Larkins, James Messina, Ron Reese, Gregg Robinson, Robin Watkins, Ronda Walen, Brian Duffy, Tim Glover, Cindy Marten, Ursula Salbato, Michael Simonson, Anne Staffieri.

Members Absent: Clark Hampton, Karl Mueller, Shawana Grace, Leticia Munguia, Tamara Otero.

Consultant: Ron Mason (Tall Pine Consulting, LLC) via conference call.

Administrative Staff: George McGregor, Annemieke Tomey, Matthew Bittner, Laura Josh, Dr. Michael Carey, Dr. Tarane Sondoozi, Heather Simonson, Andrea Krakower, Brenda Gomez, James Gaumer, Renee Wingert, Suzanna Tomey, Paula Wilson.

Mentors: Patrick Prezioso, Brian Marshall.

Guests: Alyssa Golden (UHC); Sandra Ambrosi (SDEA-R); Amy Daily (ESI); Ibis Rodriguez (KP).

1 Call to Order

The Open-Session meeting was called to order by Robin Watkins at 5:13 p.m. A quorum was present.

2 Opening Comments from Co-Chairs

Robin Watkins welcomed the Board Members, Consultant, Administrative Staff, and Guests. Cindy Marten introduced Anne Staffieri, Superintendent for Escondido Union High School District, as the new VEBA management director, replacing Steve Boyle.

3 Approve Minutes

Draft minutes of the October 30, 2019 Open-Session Board meeting were reviewed.

MOTION: [Tim Glover] To accept the October 30, 2019 Open-Session minutes. Seconded by Laura Bowen and approved.

4 Administrator's Report

VEBA Financial Statements

Annemieke Tomey reviewed the VEBA financial statements, disbursement report, and VEBA Performance Snapshot for September 2019.

MOTION: [Ethel Larkins] Approval of the financial statements and disbursements report for September 2019. Seconded by Michael Simonson and approved.

2020 Budget Approval

George McGregor reported that the 2020 Budget had been approved in Closed session.

ABB 2019 Q3 Report

George McGregor requested the Board to review the American Business Bank Q3 2019 Report.

MOTION: [Ron Reese] To Accept the ABB 2019 Q3 Report. Seconded by Tim Glover and approved.

5 Consultant's Report

Ron Mason presented and reviewed the Claims Update which included the following topics:

- Prescription Drugs;
- HMO Minimum Premium;
- HMO Combined;
- PPO/EPO/Out of Area (non-CA participants)
- PPO CA

6 Appendix Items

Communications Report – November/December 2019
RBTK Audit Engagement Letter for 12/31/2019 audit year.

George McGregor asked Dr. Tarane Sondoozi to end the meeting with a “Thought of the Day”:

“The only way people will know what you believe is by the things you say and do.”

“Two things define us, our patience when we have nothing and our attitude when we have everything”.

The Open-Session was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

The next Open-Session meeting will be held on Wednesday – February 26th, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.